



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 213

LCO No. 1159

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PREVENTION OF INFLUENZA IN NURSING HOMES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 19a-522 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2002*):

3 (a) [On or before December 1, 1975, the commissioner shall] The
4 commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54,
5 [adopt regulations] concerning the health, safety and welfare of
6 patients in nursing home facilities, classification of violations relating
7 to such facilities, medical staff qualifications, record-keeping, nursing
8 service, dietary service, personnel qualifications and general
9 operational conditions. The regulations shall: (1) Assure that each
10 patient admitted to a nursing home facility is protected by adequate
11 immunization against influenza in accordance with the
12 recommendations of the national Advisory Committee on
13 Immunization Practices; (2) specify that each patient be protected
14 annually against influenza; (3) and provide appropriate exemptions for
15 patients for whom such immunizations are medically contraindicated
16 and for patients who object to such immunization on religious

17 grounds.

18 (b) Nursing home facilities may not charge the family or estate of a
19 deceased self-pay patient beyond the date on which such patient dies.
20 Nursing home facilities shall reimburse the estate of a deceased self-
21 pay patient within sixty days after the death of such patient, for any
22 advance payments made by or on behalf of the patient covering any
23 period beyond the date of death. Interest, in accordance with
24 subsection (a) of section 37-1, on such reimbursement shall begin to
25 accrue from the date of such patient's death.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2002

Statement of Purpose:

To prevent influenza outbreaks in nursing homes.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]